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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION
MESSAGE

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD
TO KING BIRENDRA:

"YOUR MAJESTY: THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE FOR YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONGRATU-
LATIONS ON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE APOLLO-
SOYUZ MISSION.

"WE ARE DELIGHTED AT THE SUCCESS OF THE MISSION AND
LOOK FORWARD TO EXPANDED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN
UTILIZING OUTER SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. WE SHARE
YOUR VIEW THAT ALL OF MANKIND WILL BENEFIT BY SUCH
ACTIVITIES AND COOPERATION. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD."

2. FYI: FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF INCOMING MESSAGE: "ON
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THE SUCCESSFUL JOINT US-USSR VENTURE IN SPACE WE SEND

OUR HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AS WELL
AS TO THE ASTRONAUTS, COSMONAUTS, AND ALL OTHERS WHO

ARE INVOLVED IN THIS GREAT TASK. THE DOCKING UP OF
APOLLO AND SOYUZ SPACECRAFTS HAS OPENED UP GREATER
POSSIBILITIES OF FUTURE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE
FIELD OF PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE FOR THE BENE-
FIT OF MANKIND. WE SINCERELY ADMIRE THIS GREAT FEAT
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH HAS BEEN PERFORMED IN
A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
HIS MAJESTY KING BIRENDRA BIR BIKRAM SHAH DEV."

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO. INGERSOLL

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